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## (57) Abstract

This invention relates an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding a plant lecithin:cholesterol acyltransferases. The invention also relates to the construction gene of a chimeric encoding all or a portion of the plant lecithin:cholesterol acyltranferases, in sense or antisense orientation, wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of the plant lecithin:cholesterol acyltransferases in a transformed host cell.

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Arabidopsis (ci 3935185)

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HVWDMAS-----CSRGGTI VLSKFASTTRRAPKO------LPPVVVVPGYATNELDAR
HASSLLQQLLSLLLLLLPSPLRLREHLSGNHAVSAN-----NFHPI FLVAGVSCSDLEAR MKKEQEEGL-KIEVATLTVTVVVVHLSLLCTCGASN-----LDPLILIPGNGGNQLEAR

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